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25X1 1. [] GLC) In response to a request from Scott Cohen,
25X1 in the office of Senator Charles Percy, the Senator and Cohen were given
a briefing by [] accompanied by [] on the situation in
the Middle East. At the Senator's invitation, Mr. William Miller, formerly
with State Department and now on the staff of Senator John Sherman Cooper,
also attended. The Senator was anxious to have a better understanding of
the Arab/Israeli situation and the various ramifications pertaining to it
and was most attentative during the briefing. He, Cohen and Miller asked
a number of questions during the course of the session which lasted
approximately 45 minutes. Following the briefing, Senator Percy expressed
25X1 his appreciation [] for taking time to give him a rundown on
this situation.

25X1 2. [] JSW) Howard Sharlach, Vietnam Desk of
AID, called requesting assistance in connection with questions asked of
Mr. Poats when he appeared before the Passman Subcommittee on 17 May.
Conte had asked the extent of CIA involvement in the Pacification Program
and Mr. Poats said he would supply it for the record. It was agreed that AID
would indicate that this Agency would be in direct touch with Mr. Conte.
Another question came from Mr. Passman who was interested in the amount
of Agency funds in the Pacification Program implicating the South Vietnam
economy. He wanted the figures for 1967 and 1968. Mr. Poats indicated he
would have to check on this as he was not aware of the precise budget procedures.
On this one I indicated we would have to be in touch with our Subcommittee
and would advise as soon as possible.

Subsequently, I called Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations
Committee staff, and posed this problem to him. He will check into this
and advise.

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